



Maplewood Library

NEWSLETTER

November 2025

Library Check-Out System Migration

AISD is getting a new library system! They tell us (librarians) that this system will have a lot of great new features, and it looks a whole lot more user-friendly than the current system. The bad news is there won't be any book checkouts from December 5th until January 19th while they transfer everything to the new system. Kids will still have library lessons, just no books being checked out.

What We're Learning

Learning Adventures:

All grades had library lessons centered around Halloween and/or Dia de los Muertos in October, and this month has seen students learning about Native American Heritage. Different grades learned about Powows, tipis, Jingle Dances, the importance of hair in native cultures, Code Talkers, and modern-day advances in social justice issues for Native Americans.

Author Visit: First, Second, and Third Graders had a great time hearing from author Greg Foley. He read from his newest book, told us some of the ins and outs of getting a book published, and showed us how to draw some cool stuff! Kids left the presentation inspired to create their own stories, and I can't keep my copies of *Dex Dingo* on the shelves!

Upcoming Events

Waves of Pages: K-5th can earn a free water park ticket by reading 600 minutes (10 hours) outside of school/homework. Reading logs go home this week, learn more [here](#).

Friday, November 21st: Rachel Renee Russell & Nikki Russell of the *Dork Diaries* series will present to 3rd-5th grades! [Preorder a book here](#) by 11/21.

All library books due December 5th!

Reminder

Volunteering with AISD:

Everyone who volunteers in an AISD school must sign up and go through a background check first. [Find more information and the application here](#).

Please email me

(mindy.bass@austinisd.org) if you have questions, concerns, or would like to volunteer!